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Attorney General John Ashcroft
US Department of Justice
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Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

I am writing you today to encourage you and the Department of Justice to
accept the Microsoft antitrust settlement. This case has been dragged out
for three long years; it is time to put an end to it. A settlement is
available and I personally do not believe that the terms are even fair, yet,
I would like to see the government accept it.

In order to put this issue behind them, Microsoft has agreed to many
concessions, some of which I feel are uncalled for. Amongst other terms,
Microsoft has agreed to release part of the Windows base code to its
competitors. Give me a break! Requiring such action is hogwash and makes
me question how much the Department of Justice values things like patents.
Why bother to innovate if your invention will be forcibly stolen from you if
it's successful? Thank goodness for Microsoft's success! WHEN WILL THE
DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE RECOGNIZE THAT THE DOMINANCE OF THE WINDOWS
OPERATING
SYSTEM IS A GOOD THING!!! Stop punishing the company that brought it to
us!! This idea that we consumers have been somehow shorted because of a
monopoly is ridiculous. There are times when it is BEST to have a monopoly
for the sake of consistency, ease of use, ease of communication, etc.
Microsoft has been a benevolent leader during the technology explosion that
we have been experiencing. Let them continue to lead!

I'm sick and tired of all the squabbling. Microsoft and the technology
industry (not to mention the rest of the economy, which is greatly
influenced by technological innovations) need to move forward, and in order
to move forward this issue needs to be put in the past. Please accept the
Microsoft antitrust settlement.

Sincerely,

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